

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting  
April 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on April 25, 2024, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Mack Bunch Stacy Phillips Kerry Templin Zack Green

**Invocation**

Councilperson Zack Green opened the meeting with prayer.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

**Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors**

Kerbela Shriners submitted an application for a roadblock on May 19, 2024, and Briceville Church of God Youth Group submitted an application for a roadblock on May 11, 2024. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the roadblock application for Kerbela Shriners and Briceville Church of God Youth Group, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch has requested to resign as Vice-Mayor due to personal reasons. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to accept Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch's resignation, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Mayor Kerry Templin made a motion to appoint Councilperson Jeff Gilliam as Vice-Mayor, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission** – The Board of Zoning Appeals approved placement of a tiny home at 141 Norris Freeway for repairs only. The Brownfield Grant is good through September. The Commission met for two (2) hours of training.

**Recreation Committee** – Approved the project scope for the ADA Grant, which has to be turned in by May 22, 2024. The grant will cover new bleachers, press box, and possibly upgrading the bathrooms. A question that came up in the Recreation Committee meeting was where is the matching money going to come from? City Manager Mike Ellis said it was up to Council and it depends on the total cost.

**Beer Board** – The Beer Board approved a Beer Permit for On and Off Premises consumption for Vols Diner. Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the Beer Permit for Vols Diner, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Councilperson Zack Green abstained. Motion carried.

### General Government Report

Name	Address	Reason	Adjustment
Kristi Brown	426 Lawson St.	Leak	\$143.00
Jack Butcher	312 Butcher Ln.	Leak	\$46.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$189.00</b>

March sewer adjustments are \$189.00. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

### City Manager Report

Pastor Wayne Phillips announced that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Day of Prayer. He would like to invite everyone to meet in front of City Hall at 9:00am for prayer. The City will have a Public Meeting on May 16, 2024 at 5:00pm on the ADA Grant. The Public Meeting is a requirement, one meeting on social media and one meeting in person. Morgan Contracting has been in town locating manholes. They plan to begin construction on May 6, 2024. The construction map is live on the website, rockytopn.org. The Buck Wilson heirs have tentatively accepted the City's offer of \$125,000 for 225 S Main Street. They will meet with their attorney on Tuesday, and their attorney will contact the City attorney. We need to decide if we plan to borrow money and how much.

Police Report – Police Chief John Thomas was out of town, the report will be added to the next meeting.

Fire Report – 47 calls for the month of March.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations. Huber Technology, Inc. did a pilot study with their brand of sludge press.

March water loss was 43.698%.

### Ordinances and Resolutions

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 585**-An Ordinance of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 585, seconded by Councilperson Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance No. 584**-FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 584, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

**Resolution 596**-A Resolution Requesting Naming of Interstate Bridge at Exit 128 for Lance Corporal Acie David Hall. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Resolution 596, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

**Resolution 597**-A Resolution Requesting Naming of Interstate Bridge at Exit 129 for Sergeant Garry Lynn Weaver. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve Resolution 597, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

**Resolution 598**-Application for funding for 2024 Public Parks and Recreation Grant Cycle. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 598, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. Motion carried.

**Resolution 599**-Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Financing of the Construction of a Water Facilities Project, Including Authorizing the Execution of Applications, Contractual Agreements, and Other Necessary Documents, and Making Certain Representations, Certifications, and Pledges of Certain Revenue in Connection with Such Financing. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Resolution 599, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

There will be a Public Hearing on May 16, 2024, at 5:30pm to discuss the 2024-2025 Budget.

Insurance for water customers

<b>Limit of Protection</b>	<b>Residential Monthly Rate</b>
\$500 (per occurrence)	\$1.75
\$1,000 (per occurrence)	\$2.00
\$2,500 (per occurrence)	\$2.35

**Benefit Frequency**

2 Occurrences/12 month

2 Consecutive billing cycles allowed per occurrence

Ex. 1 billing cycle (month bill), 2 billing cycles (months)

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to offer the \$2,500 (per occurrence, up to two (2) occurrences per year) limit of protection option to the City of Rocky Top water customers, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Mack Bunch, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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Kerry Templin, Mayor

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Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder